

**(Washington, DC)** Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) released the following statement marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day:

“Forty years ago, Former Senator Gaylord Nelson sparked a movement that brought awareness to environmental issues and helped change the way people treat the Earth. I congratulate the Earth Day Network for its efforts in organizing and promoting Earth Day 2010.

“Environmental and wildlife issues have been close to my heart and a top priority of mine throughout my entire career. My opposition to offshore drilling is unwavering. My dedication to restoration of the Everglades is unwavering.

“And, as the climate change battle continues, I will be on the frontlines fighting to ensure a livable world for our children and grandchildren. I hope that this year’s Earth Day celebration inspires many others to join me in preserving and protecting our Earth’s environment.”

*Congressman Alcee L. Hastings is Vice Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a senior member of the House Rules Committee, and Co-Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission.*

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